

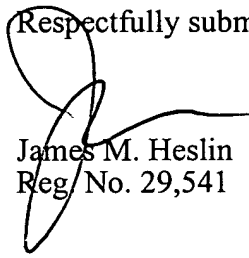
RODNEY A. PERKINS et al.  
Application No.:  
Page 2

PATENT

It is believed that all claims herein are entitled to an earlier priority date than that of the claims in the '100 patent.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

  
James M. Heslin  
Reg. No. 29,541

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP  
Two Embarcadero Center, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, California 94111-3834  
Tel: (415) 576-0200  
Fax: (415) 576-0300  
JMH:jke  
PA 3190039 v1

10047068-121301